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African Curios.

LOT

1 Eleven javelins in solid oak triangular mounting for wall ornaments—1 from Abyssinia, 1 from Congo pygmies (Ituri River), 1 from Likoma Island, 3 from Kondeland, 3 from Parumbira, 1 from Kikuyu, and 1, pointed wooden, from Uganda

2 Eleven spears in solid oak triangular mounting for wall ornaments—5 Masai, 2 Uganda, 2 Kavirondo, 1 Wahima (a present from the King of Koke), and 1 Congo (Aruwimi River)

3 Five swords and 9 knives, mounted on large solid oak shield, 50 inches by 39 : swords—1 straight, Masai ; 2 curved and 2 straight, Congo ; knives—2 curved and 7 straight, Congo (Aruwimi River)

4 Five knives—2 with leather sheaths and hippo ivory handles, from Upper Shire River ; 1 with wooden sheath, worn tied round upper arm, from Angoniland, Lake Nyassa ; 1 from Parumbira, Lake Nyassa; and 1 curved reaping knife from Kavirondo

5 Shrub axe for felling shrubs and elephant grass (a present from Apollo Katikiro, Prime Minister of Uganda)

6 Three trimming axes, as used by natives in North Angola, and 1 iron axe-head, as used by natives of Kavirondo

7 Wasoga shield and paddle, at out-flow of Nile from Lake Victoria Nyanza

8 Five carved Benin paddles (3 single and 2 double pairs), British South Nigeria Protectorate

9 Congo pigmy's bow and 12 arrows (6 barbed and 6 not barbed), from the Great Congo Forest

10 Congo pigmy's bow and 15 arrows (6 barbed and 9 not barbed), from the Great Congo Forest

11 Wakamba bow (unstrung) and 13 arrows (6 poisoned and 7 thorn-tipped), and leather quiver, from British East Africa

12 Wakitosh bow and 3 arrows (2 wooden and 1 iron-tipped), from British Uganda Protectorate

13 Six Yao arrows, Lake Nyassa, British Central Africa, and 4 Bihé arrows, Pedreira, East Angola, Portuguese West Africa

14 Flint-lock gun and sword, from British South Nigeria Protectorate

15 Four ivory war horns, Great Congo Forest, Belgian possession

16 Jinga powder horn, North Angola, Portuguese West Africa

17 Seven knobkerries—1 Masai, cut from rhinoceros horn; 1 Wakikuyu, wooden; 2 Wakitosh, wooden, and 1 Wakilelowa, wooden, British Uganda Protectorate; and 2 Jinga, North Angola

18 Two drums, as used in native dances—1 Usoga, covered with lizard skin, and 1 Uganda, covered with ox hide, British Protectorate

19 Two harps—1 Usoga, covered with lizard skin, and 1 Uganda, covered with ox hide, with 8 spare gut strings, British Protectorate

20 Two hand-pianos—one with 24 keys, and one with 8 keys, from Angola, Portuguese West Africa

21 Two hand-pianos, each with 22 keys, from Angola, Portuguese West Africa

22 Two dance rattles—1 gourd and 1 basket-work, from Benin River, British South Nigeria Protectorate

23 One native fiddle, from St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands (Portuguese), and 1 grass-string fiddle, Angola, Portuguese West Africa

24 Three rattles—1 fetish witch-rattle, from Wakitosh, Kairondo, and 1 musical reed pipe, as used in native processions and dances in Uganda, British Protectorate; and 1 charm rattle, Angola, Portuguese West Africa

25 One fetish juju head, from Agberi, British South Nigeria Protectorate

26 Two fetishes (male and female), from Jinga country, Angola, Portuguese West Africa

27 Fetish for prolific increase, from Tembo Aluma, North Angola, Portuguese West Africa

28 Soudanese dish-platter with conical dish cover, Uganda Protectorate

29 Soudanese dish platter with 3 conical dish covers, Uganda Protectorate

30 Soudanese man's hat, Uganda Protectorate; and tail of grass-fibres, worn behind and often the only covering of a Kavirondo woman

31 Eight gourds—1 Masai milking gourd, ornamented with cowrie shells, 6 Usoga gourds, and 1 Angola gourd

32 Seven drinking vessels — 1 Wasoga wooden chalice, 2 Waganda black earthenware cups, and 2 Kavirondo earthenware jugs, British Uganda Protectorate; 1 Bihé wooden jug, East Angola (Portuguese West Africa); and 1 Konde bamboo mug, Lake Nyassa (German East Africa)

33 Twelve domestic utensils—1 Soudanese thread spinner, 2 Soudanese fire-producing sticks, 1 Kavirondo wooden spoon, 1 Unyoro fly whip, 1 Wasoga pombé sucker, 1 Waganda ornamented pombé sucker, 1 Kavirondo grass ring, 1 reed pen from Parumbria, 2 Angola ladles, Portuguese West Africa; and 1 palmatoria, Angola (Portuguese West Africa)

34 Seven domestic furniture—1 Magwangwara wooden head-rest, 1 Congo mushroom-shaped stool, Aruwimi; 2 Kavirondo four-legged stools, 1 Kavirondo three-legged seat, 1 Kampola trestle seat, and 1 large four-legged stool from Uganda

35 Five pipes—1 black clay bowl and reed stem, Uganda; 1 black clay bowl, Kavirondo (British Protectorate); 1 carved wooden bowl from Jinga (Portuguese West Africa); 1 black clay bowl from the Yao (Lake Nyassa); and 1 carved wooden bowl, Port Maguire (Lake Nyassa)

36 Eight whips—1 twisted buffalo hide, Uganda; 1 rhinoceros hide, and 6 hippopotamus hide (crude condition)

37 Snuff boxes, tobacco box and pouches—1 carved wooden snuff box, Shiré River; ditto, Zambesi River; 1 bead-ornamented leather snuff box, Angoniland; 2 grass fibre tobacco pouches, Uganda; 1 carved reed snuff box, Wakamba; 2 East Angola carved wooden snuff boxes, and 6 others

38 Twenty-four native ornaments: 13 bracelets—2 brass, Uganda; 1 ivory, Kavirondo; 1 iron, Angola; 2 ivory, 1 buffalo hide, Magwangwara; 1 ivory, Parumbira, Lake Nyassa; 4 brass and 1 copper and iron, Monkey Bay, Lake Nyassa;—1 leg bell (warrior's), 1 cow bell;—and 9 necklaces—6 bead necklets, Monkey Bay, Lake Nyassa; 1 trade coral, Angola, Portuguese West Africa, and 2 iron pieces, worn as pendant, Kavirondo

39 Sixteen charms, set of 7 and set of 9, Magwangwara country

40 Five toilet articles — 2 combs with bead ornamentation, Upper Shiré River; 1 comb, Cunene River, Angola; 1 ivory hairpin, Aruwimi River, and 1 ditto, Benin River

42 Seven sticks—1 Wasoga chief's walkingstick, 1 Uganda stick; 1 bois maigre, 1 ebony and 2 other sticks, Mauritius; and 1 bamboo, Angola

43 Polished nut of coco de-mer palm, Seychelles

44 Uganda bark cloth, 10½ feet by 7½ feet; unused

IVORY.

45 Three tusks of wart-hog: 2 from Magwangwara, German East Africa, and 1 from Uganda, British Uganda Protectorate

46 Twenty-five hippopotamus tusks

47 Two male elephant tusks, weight 8 lbs. 13 ozs.

48 Two fine female elephant tusks, weight 89 lbs.

Hunting Trophies.

These HEADS *are mounted on solid oak shields.*

51 Burchell's zebra

52 Jackson's hartebeest

53 Coke's hartebeest

54 Male impalla

55 Grant's gazelle, male

56 Grant's gazelle, female

57 Thomson's gazelle, male

58 Thomson's gazelle, female

59 Kobus thomasi, male

60 Angola duyker

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61 Thirteen pairs of horns of antelopes and gazelles, mounted on oak shields

62 Tusks of wart-hog, mounted on oak shield

63 Skull complete of hippopotamus

64 Pair of sable antelope horns, polished pair of eland horns, and pair of antelope horns

65 Two elephant tails, 1 zebra tail (dressed), 1 zebra mane (dressed)

These Skins are dressed and mounted as Rugs.

66 Hartebeest

67 Hartebeest

68 Zebra

69 Zebra

70 Twenty-eight ntelligani from Uganda

71 Wildebeest

72 Serval

73 Two Colobus monkeys

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74 Hartebeest (dressed)

75 Hyæna (dressed)

Undressed Skins from Portuguese Guinea.

76 Leopard

77 Two Maxwell's duyker, 1 otter

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78 Nine Colobus monkey skins (dressed) from Unyoro, British Uganda Protectorate

79 The 4 feet of a crocodile, Fajao, near Murchison Falls of the Nile; the 4 molars of an elephant, Unyoro, Uganda Protectorate; 2 lion's teeth, Lake Nakuru, British East Africa; and 3 shells from Mauritius and German East Africa

80 Table made out of rhinoceros hide with bamboo legs

Benin Bronzes and Curios.

ARMLETS.

81 Three, hammered and rivetted, various designs

82 Two—one has a figure in *copper*, super-imposed and rivetted on to the brass

83 Two, ivory, apparently of great age, carved with Portuguese on foot and on horseback

84 **Two, ivory, very fine**—one carved with rows of a crustacean, the other carved with Portuguese on foot and on horseback

85 Two, cast bronze or brass. *Vide Plate I.* Heavy open trellis work, 5½ inches high

86 **Two, cast bronze or brass, very fine.** *Vide Plate I.* The one is solid, embossed with vertical rows of heads of crocodiles alternating with cat-fishes, 5¼ inches high. The other is of open-work, with figures of Portuguese carrying manillos, swords and fetish birds, 5¾ inches high

87 Two, cast bronze or brass. The one is solid, ornamented with rosettes and heads of Portuguese. The other is of openwork (*vide Plate I.*) with five transverse bands, two of which are of trellis work

99 Glove box shape, *length* 23 *inches*, endless-chain pattern on 2 sides; on lid, 4 birds and leaf scroll

BRACELETS.

100 Four, various patterns, square, circular, half-moon

101 Two, set with red so-called "Benin coral"

102 Three, iron ring joining 4 bronze or brass figures, the first has 4 crocodile heads, the second 3 Portuguese heads, the third 4 heads of natives

103 **Three, with leopard heads, cat-fishes, and rosettes,** diameter of largest $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches

104 Four, open-work, heads of natives, diameter of largest $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches

105 Four, with symbolic designs of snakes, cat-fishes, heads, etc.

106 **Three, very fine,** with super-imposed mystic symbols, chameleons, masks, canoes, snakes, flasks, etc., diameter of largest 4 inches

BOWL.

107 **Unique specimen.** Circular, melon shape, height $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches

CASKET.

108 Solid, weight 6 lbs. 10 oz., $6\frac{5}{8}$ inches long by $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches high

CEREMONIAL SWORD.

109 *Fish-slice pattern, in splendid state of preservation, length* $40\frac{1}{2}$ *inches*

CEREMONIAL WANDS.

110 Length $32\frac{1}{2}$ inches, solid handle, with 2 figures, one representing a chief holding a sword, the other a king with ceremonial sword of fish-slice pattern

111 Length $32\frac{1}{2}$ inches, solid handle with 2 figures, one representing a crocodile's head, the other a chief with a sword

112 *Very fine, length* $35\frac{1}{2}$ *inches*, handle with 3 loops, and at each end a double figure, back to back, of native kings holding fetish birds and ceremonial swords

EXECUTION SWORD.

113 Measures $36\frac{3}{4}$ inches along outer curve of the iron blade, the bronze or brass hilt measures 7 inches

FIGURES.

114 Two, one spheroidal of paper-weight shape with embossed trefoil, the other a Janus-head of Portuguese

115 *Very fine.* Circular lid, with raised figures of lizards, snakes and chiefs

116 *Rare and unique specimen.* Solid, representing skull of a sacrificed goat, trussed and preserved as a fetish

VERY FINE AND RARE HEAD.

117 (*Vide Plate II.*). *The whole is covered with a smooth green patina and has the appearance of considerable age. Four vertical and parallel raised cicatrices above each eye; also two vertical and parallel cicatrices inlaid with iron down the forehead to root of nose. Behind but above each ear are 3 ornamental lumps inlaid with iron. The pupils of the eyes are inlaid with iron.* Standing on a flat surface, the front is $7\frac{5}{8}$ inches high, the back 7 inches high, the neck of the figure rests on a circular base $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter with raised external rim projecting $\frac{5}{8}$-inch outwardly from the neck. A splendid specimen of ancient Benin art

Plate II.

Lot 117.

IVORY.

118 **Seven very fine ivory figures**, mounted together artistically on a white shield (*vide Plate III.*). The middle figure represents a chief on horseback; it served as a door peg to fasten the door, and was probably in use before the introduction of keys. The lowest figure represents a leopard; above it are 2 human masks, apparently of great age. Above one mask is a musical instrument embossed with a crocodile, above the other mask is a thick carved bracelet and the figure of a native king

KEYS.

119 Two, lengths 5 inches and $5\frac{3}{8}$ inches

120 Two, with embossed handles, lengths $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches and $4\frac{7}{8}$ inches

121 Two, the one is $4\frac{7}{8}$ inches long, the other is a latch-lifter and measures $14\frac{7}{8}$ inches from tip to tip

KNIVES.

122 Two, sword-shape, iron blades, brass handles

123 Two, one with curved iron blade and brass grip, the other of dagger shape and all brass

124 **Two, sacrificial**, iron stem with half-moon cutting edge, the bronze or brass handles represent the head of a king and a closed human hand

MASKS.

125 Two, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Three raised vertical cicatrices above each eye, and a broad grooved vertical cicatrix from forehead to tip of nose. The collar ruff of one is ornamented with 11 bells, and of the other with 11 cat-fishes

135 **Necklet consisting of 20 bronze triangular pendants.** It is said that only Pages in attendance on the King of Benin were allowed to wear such a pendant, and then only on certain special occasions in the year

136 Pendant, representing a *leopard face*, length $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches

PADLOCK.

137 **Rare and unique specimen.** Its convex outer surface is embossed with a double row of figures, each row representing a native King supported by two chiefs. The back is flat and engraved with geometrical and flowery patterns. The side with the key-hole has in relief two men with pistols, the other side represents two men with guns. The handle is rectangular in shape, and embossed with two leopards on the side supports attacking a crocodile on the central support

POWDER FLASK.

138 Solid, height $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches; two loops on each side for suspension

PLAQUES.

Handsomely mounted on dark oak shields for wall decoration.

139 Snake holding a fish in its mouth. Size of plaque $15\frac{15}{16}$ inches by $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches

140 Native king with a ceremonial sword of the fish-slice pattern in his right hand. Size of plaque $17\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 7 inches

141 **Two Portuguese travellers, father and son, very fine and unique,**—*vide Plate IV.* The father carries a long staff in his right hand, and with his left hand he grasps the right hand of his boy. The boy holds a water flask or gourd in his left hand. Above the boy is a fish. Size of plaque $16\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 14 inches

Plate IV.

Lot 141.

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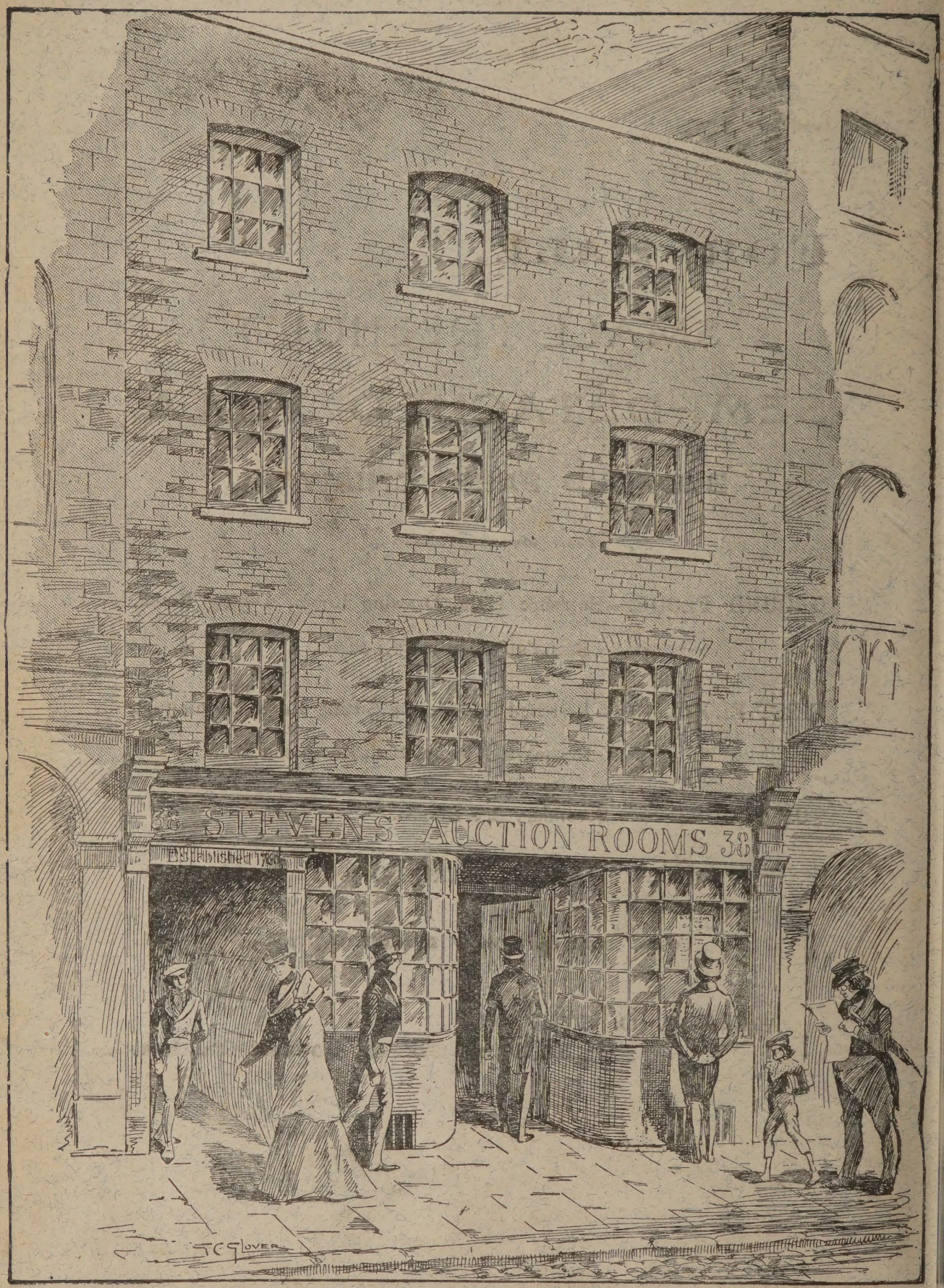

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